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FUNCTIONING OF ESI SCHEME
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Committee has been set up by the Employees State Insurance Corporation to review the functioning of medical care under ESI Scheme;

(b) if so, the term and composition of the Committee and the time by when the Committee is likely to present its report;

(c) whether the Government has received any complaints/suggestions regarding inadequate medical facilities available in the ESI hospitals in various States particularly in Karnataka; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. General Purpose Medical Care Sub-Committee of ESI Corporation has been constituted by the Chairman, ESI Corporation on 16.03.2005.

General Purpose Medical Care Sub-Committee (GPMCSC) visits various States by rotation to review the functioning of the ESI Scheme in the States and there is no time limit within which it is to complete its work. The composition and the terms of reference of the Committee is at Annexure.

(c) & (d): Some complaints/suggestions for improvement in the medical facilities are received from time to time. The action taken for improvement of medical facilities in ESI Hospitals is as under:

(i) Modernization & upgradation of hospitals by providing modern equipments for diagnostic and clinical services. To facilitate early sanction of equipments for hospitals, Sr. State Medical Commissioners/State Medical Commissioners have been delegated powers to sanction equipments up to Rs. 15 lakhs per unit at the State level itself.

(ii) ESI Corporation has increased the ceiling for providing medical care from Rs. 750/- to Rs. 900/- per Insured Person family unit per annum w.e.f. 01.04.2005 to facilitate State Governments with more funds to improve medical services in ESI Hospitals.

(iii) ESI Corporation has introduced the Scheme of Revolving Fund for providing advance/reimbursement for super speciality/speciality treatment, purchase of drugs and dressings and purchase & repair and maintenance of equipments.

(iv) Tie up arrangements have been made with other reputed Government/ Non-Government hospitals for providing super speciality/speciality services which are not available in ESI Hospitals.

(v) ESI Corporation is in the process of getting hospitals graded by professional agencies.

(vi) The ESI Corporation is in the process of getting hospitals ISO 9001-2000 certification. One ESI hospital in Delhi has already been granted ISO Certification.

Annexure

Composition of Sub-Committee of ESI Corporation.

1. Shri Chander Kant Khaire, Hon`ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha).

2. Shri G. Sanjeeva Reddy, President, INTUC, New Delhi, Employees` Representative.

3. Shri Ram Kishore Tripathi, Secretary, HMS, Kanpur, Employees` Representative.

4. Shri C. P. Singh, President, INTUC, Patna, Employees` Representative.

5. Shri Sharad S. Patil, Secretary, General, Employers` Federation of India, Mumbai, Employer`s Representative.

6. Shri Sudershan Sarin, National President, Laghu Udyog Bharati, New Delhi, Employer`s Representative.

7 Shri M. K. Garg, Sr. Advisor, ASSOCHAM, Corporate House, New Delhi, Employer`s Representative.

8. Director General, Health Services, Min. of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India.

9. The Secretary, Labour Department, Govt. of Tamil Nadu.

10. The Secretary, Labour Department, Govt. of Karnataka.

11. The Secretary, Health Department, Govt. of Gujarat.

12. The Secretary, Health Department, Govt. of Punjab.

13. The Director General, ESI Corporation.

The Medical Commissioner, ESI Corporation will assist the Committee.

The terms of reference of the General Purposes Medical Care Sub-Committee will be as follows:-

i) The Committee will make suggestions for improvement of delivery/functioning of ESI medical scheme.

ii) To oversee the administration of Medical Care in various States.

iii) To interact with the representatives of employees, employers, medical profession, State Govt. Authorities and ESIC officials on issue of medical care provided under ESI Scheme.

iv) To undertake field visits and inspect ESI Hospitals, Dispensaries and Branch Offices etc.